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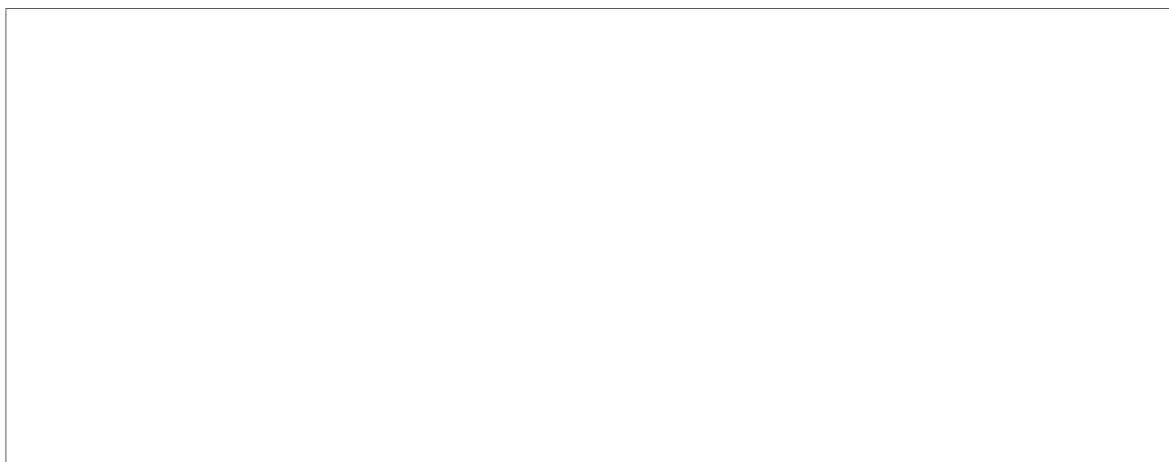
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Bangkok Bureau--February, 1982

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial



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2. Reacting to local rumors that Vietnamese Communist Party General Secretary Le Duan was suffering from possible kidney or liver problems, duty editor [redacted] alertly filed an fyi noting that Le Duan had not been reported to have appeared in public for over a month. Local embassy consumers found the fyi quite interesting and complimented the bureau for its initiative.

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3. Although periodic checks have consistently found Thai television to be unproductive, as a backstop measure the bureau has begun recording Bangkok TV Channel 9's Sunday talk show/interview program in the event someone of importance in the Thai military or government is interviewed, as has happened on a couple of occasions. The program does not give prior notice who its guests will be, merely introducing them as the program progresses.

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4. Despite extensive cruising efforts, reception of Dacca radio remains very poor, forcing the bureau to rely on AFP and Delhi radio for coverage of Bangladesh that cannot be pieced together from the poorly heard Dacca broadcasts. Such was the case during the recent dissolution of the cabinet by President Sattar.

B. Lateral Services

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II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Following nearly 6 months of recruiting efforts, the bureau selected a Cambodian monitor applicant recruited in England by London Bureau. At the end of the month, only the acquisition of a Thai visa stood in the way of [] joining the bureau's hard-pressed Cambodian Unit.

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2. Following the approval of a non-staff increase by Headquarters and by the Ambassador, the bureau launched a recruitment drive in mid-month for a fourth Indonesian/Malay monitor. The illness of monitor [] 25X1
[] the scheduled retirement of two monitors in early 1983, and 25X1
the prospect of increased Indonesian and Malaysian coverage prompted the bureau's request for an increase. Indications at end of month were not favorable for finding a local candidate. Meanwhile, [] 25X1
received medical approval to continue work.

3. Veteran Indian monitor [] entered the retirement ranks officially on 10 February when his Medical Disability Retirement became effective. 25X1

4. A rare and long-awaited promotion ceremony was conducted on 22 February in honor of Cambodian monitor [] was 25X1
the first bureau employee hired after the September 1980 position reclassification and thus was not bound by the grade retention policy. Staffers and monitor colleagues gathered in the bureau chief's office to extend their congratulations to [] who became the first bureau employee to be promoted in more than 18 months. ✓ 25X1

5. Another happy occasion was the presentation of FBIS length-of-service certificates to [] (15 years) and to [] 25X1
[] (each, 10 years). The restive 25X1
ceremony was conducted on FBIS' anniversary date, 26 February.

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B. Buidings and Grounds

[redacted] announced at the end of the month that numerous new safety and fire prevention improvements and procedures had been approved. The measures, which include among other things a new alarm system, new and extra fire extinguishers and other fire-fighting equipment, met for the most part requirements requested by the bureau following the 18 January smoke/fire alert on the floor below the bureau.

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III. VISITS

1. On 5 February, the Mission's Community Liaison Office director, [redacted] for general orientation;

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2. On 12 February, [redacted] FBO Washington, to discuss office space requirements [redacted]

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3. On 16 February, [redacted] from OS's Seoul office, for a general discussion on bureau safety.

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4. From 16 to 19 February, [redacted], Chief, Okinawa Bureau, for orientation. [redacted]

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5. On 25 February, [redacted], DD/East Asia Office/DDI, visited the bureau for a tour and discussion of regional substantive issues.

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[redacted]
Chief, Bangkok Bureau, FBIS

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Attachments:

Engineer Report

Production Report

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ENGINEERING ATTACHMENT

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A. Non-Expendable Property Received:

None

B. Items of Engineering Interest:

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2. A demonstration on the use of the Bureau's newly acquired resuscitator/aspirator safety equipment was given by the Bureau's Safety Officer on 17 February. All but a few bureau personnel attended the demonstration held on the Bureau's ~~first~~ floor deck.

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BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	536,350 (617,480)
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	204,130 (215,910)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,369 (1,371)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	15,055 (14,275) min.	20,085 (20,085) min.	206.23 (206.23) issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

AFGHANISTAN

✓Kabul NEW TIMES in English		0 (1,020)
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AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	15,440 (12,000)	
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English		1,830 (0)
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English		390 (530)
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English		0 (0)

BANGLADESH

Dacca Overseas Service in English	0 (0)	
Dacca Domestic Service in Bengali	430 (1,000)	
Dacca Domestic Service in English	2,420 (1,270)	
Dacca SANGBAD in Bengali		510 (2,000)
Dacca THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English		0 (780)

BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	8,850 (3,120)	
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese		0 (0)
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese		0 (220)
Rangoon MYANMA in Burmese		510 (0)
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English		90 (140)
Rangoon Domestic Service in English	280 (0)	

CHINA

Beijing in Bengali to India and Pakistan	0 (0)	
Beijing in Burmese to Burma	140 (670)	
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	4,230 (5,800)	
Beijing in Hindi to South Asia	0 (160)	
Beijing in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 (0)	
Beijing in Lao to Laos	0 (0)	
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0 (0)	
Beijing in Thai to Thailand	890 (0)	
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0 (0)	

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) SSPT in Thai to Thailand	1,320 (2,920)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian to Kampuchea	16,680 (27,000)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	1,480 (1,180)		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese to Burma	1,620 (3,950)		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		39,510 (49,670)	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	4,720 (960)		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	28,480 (28,690)		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		5,760 (2,770)	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			8,320 (2,760)
Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English			650 (4,820)
Delhi PATRIOT in English			3,200 (1,870)
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			710 (0)
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			720 (740)
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			2,870 (3,500)
Madras THE HINDU in English			680 (0)
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	12,660 (12,340)		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		7,360 (4,210)	
Jakarta OANA in English		4,900 (5,470)	
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			0 (0)
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			0 (0)
<u>KAMPUCHEA</u>			
Phnom Penh International Service in English	0 (0)		
Phnom Penh International Service in Thai	0 (0)		
Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	57,250 (59,990)		
Phnom Penh SPK in French		30,200 (28,260)	
		0 (0)	25X1
		600 (0)	
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	30,080 (56,000)		
Vientiane KPL in English		4,770 (12,610)	
		0 (0)	25X1
		0 (0)	
		3,510 (0)	
Vientiane SIANG PASASON in Lao			0 (0)

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	9,940 (9,580)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	4,250 (5,770)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	0 (0)		
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			1,300 (1,290)
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 (0)
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	880 (990)		
Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			110 (0)
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Oversea Service in Urdu	80 (290)		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	8,910 (6,790)		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	9,580 (10,560)		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	3,250 (5,580)		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			2,460 (630)
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			230 (0)
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	1,470 (1,010)		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	0 (0)		
Colombo SUN in English			0 (3,300)
Colombo WEEKEND in English			0 (0)
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	7,200 (8,830)		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	5,110 (3,750)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	3,700 (4,120)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	17,610 (11,860)		
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			3,510 (1,480)
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai			140 (1,210)
Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English			24,270 (35,850)
Bangkok POST in English			22,680 (35,970)
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			1,560 (560)
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			540 (0)
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			490 (1,140)
Bangkok WORLD in English			670 (830)
Bangkok Domestic Television Service in Thai	0 (3,110)		

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	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in			
Bengali to Bangladesh	0 (0)		
Moscow in			
Burmese to Burma	0 (2,180)		
Moscow in			
Cambodian to Kampuchea	260 (0)		
Moscow in			
Hindi to India	0 (0)		
Moscow in			
Indonesian to Indonesia	0 (500)		
Moscow in			
Lao to Laos	900 (390)		
Moscow in			
Thai to Thailand	0 (0)		
Moscow in			
Urdu to India	1,060 (0)		
Moscow in			
Urdu to Pakistan	730 (0)		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in			
Indonesian to Indonesia	0 (0)		
<u>VIETNAM</u>			
Hanoi International Service in			
Cambodian	0 (0)		
Hanoi International Service in			
English	7,910 (4,590)		
Hanoi International Service in			
Thai	4,510 (1,160)		
Hanoi Domestic Service in			
Vietnamese	64,030 (48,910)		
Hanoi VNA in			
English		0 (400)	
		0 (0)	
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in			
Vietnamese			10,590 (21,760)
Hanoi NHAN DAN in			
Vietnamese			12,360 (41,310)
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in			
Vietnamese			0 (3,360)

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NOTE: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month

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EMBASSY CIRCUIT OUTAGES FOR FEBRUARY 1982

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GMT TIME</u>	<u>HRS MIN</u> <u>(PLANNED)</u>	<u>HRS MIN</u> <u>(UNPLANNED)</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1	0807-0925		1 18	25X1
13	0000-0050		50	
13	0620-0900		2 40	
14	0233-0615		3 42	Unknown
15	0305-0615		3 10	25X1
17	0000-0030		30	Unknown
17	0750-0956		2 6	25X1
18	1011-1118		1 7	
TOTAL:			15 23	

Total unplanned outage: 15 hours 23 minutes.